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Cooperative Disability Investigative Unit Hits \$2 Million Dollar Mark in January

On February 27, 2004, Washington State Patrol Chief Lowell M. Porter and Ron Legan, Special Agent in Charge for the Social Security Administration's Office of Inspector General, announced the Cooperative Disability Investigative Unit had a combined federal and state savings of over \$2 million during the month of January 2004.

The Cooperative Disability Investigative Unit (CDIU) is made up of members from the Washington State Patrol Criminal Investigation Division, the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General, and Department of Social and Health Services Division of Disability Services. The unit is located in Seattle, but investigates cases throughout the state. The Seattle CDIU was formed in January 2003 to actively pursue individuals who make fraudulent federal and state benefit claims.

The Seattle CDIU ranked #1 in the nation for the month of January 2004 when compared to all 18 CDI Units nationwide. This is the first time the Seattle CDIU has led the nation.

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